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| for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  | Filing Date            | June 26, 2003 |
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| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.<br>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1985, or los articlesian application.   |                        |               |
| <ol> <li>Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and<br/>amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If<br/>applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such<br/>amendment(s).</li> </ol> |                        |               |
| a. X  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.   |                        |               |
| i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on   |                        |               |
| iiOther  |                        |               |
| b. Enclosed  |                        |               |
| i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)   |                        |               |
| iiAffidavit(s)/Deciaration(s) ivOther  |                        |               |
| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a   |                        |               |
| period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.10(f) required)  |                        |               |
| b. Other   |                        |               |
| 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  |                        |               |
| The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 22-0261 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.  |                        |               |
| i. X RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)   |                        |               |
| ii. X Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  |                        |               |
| iiiOther   |                        |               |
| b. Check in the amount of \$enclosed   |                        |               |
| c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)   |                        |               |
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